

Dear Sirs and Madams; It is an understandable thing, wanting to stop XM's Instant Traffic and Weather. I mean, if I was in an unfamiliar city and I didn't know the local stations, I surely would not want to know what the weather and traffic were doing. I would so much rather get caught in a hail storm or tornado, or get stuck in a three hour traffic jam. Apparently, you share this sentiment with me. It seems that you throuroughly enjoy sitting in endless traffic, listening to hours of commercials, and being completely oblivious to the ominous cloud overhead.

Let's get real here. The only thing XM's Instant Traffic and Weather is doing is keeping XM's PAYING customers informed about what is going on, and many times it is when they are in locations that they don't have any other avenue of knowledge. We got XM sattelite radio because of Travelling on the job. In remote areas, there is no radio to be had. We can't even recieve local stations at our home because of the location. Without XM's Radio and their instant weather and traffic, we would not have music at our house, in our car, in our fields. We would not know what the weather is doing, and we would not know how the traffic is like in areas we are headed toward. It is rediculous to try to stop someone from keeping their customers informed. There is nothing wrong with allowing the customer traffic and weather. As a matter of fact, it is rather expected. Unless you attempt to pull traffic and weather from standard stations, this petiton has no ground to stand on. Reject NAB's petition 04-160.

Thank you.